



**Arizona Department of Health Services
Office for Children with Special Health Care Needs
Integrated Services Grant**



**ISG-Committee Status Update
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Committee Name: Community Development Initiative-AZ

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Objective Status: For each Strategy the Committee is currently working on; identify the key actions completed or currently in process:

Objective 6.1. Conduct a needs assessment of agencies participating in CDI to identify training needs of staff; identification, training, and mentoring of parent leaders; and implementation plans.

- No actions or strategies identified.

Objective 6.2. Expand the community Development Initiative to other state agencies.

- Technical assistance and support to AHCCCS meeting with Director Tony Rodgers and Gina Flores to strategize on the action plan for their agency.
- Parent compensation and protocol work group formed first meeting on November 13

Activity 6.2.1. Provide training for yshcn and their families through the Parent Youth Leadership Development Institute.

Activity 6.2.2. Provide training on how to work with and develop community teams.

- Team building and family engagement training provided on 10-3-4 to 20 new community teams that are being supported by DES.
- Training on Family Leadership and the parent led community action teams was given at ASU to a graduate level social work class.
- CDI steering team will be doing a follow up summit in on March 9, 2007 at ASU West to bring previous summit participants together for further training and collaboration.
- CDI steering team will be supporting a community development conference in November 2007 to provide training statewide.
- Joan Agostinelli, Linda Hamman, Kim Stamper and Becky Hamblin will be presenting at the 9th International Congress on Community Services for Children, Youth and families with Special Health care Needs on 12-4-7, 2006 in Washington D.C. on the Community Development Initiative

Activity 6.2.3. Identify parents from existing parent-led community teams to mentor other parents.

- The Alliance, a community action team in Southern Apache County, mentors and is the fiduciary for the new team the Turtle Nation Partnership on the Hopi Nation. Six team members from the Turtle Nation Partnership visited the Alliance team meeting on September

28, 2006 to learn from the seasoned team on how to facilitate a meeting and engage community partners. Parent leaders from the Alliance came to Hopi to meet with team members to help the parent leaders with organizational skills for their team.

- The Action Partnership in Verde Valley are the mentors and fiduciary for the Tucson Action Team as of 7-1-06.

Objective 6.2.4. Utilize Partners in Policy Making, Raising Special Kids, Pilot Parents, AzEIP parents, and ADHS/OCSHCN as a pool of potential parents and youth.

Objective 6.2. Obtain operating manuals, policies, and procedures related to the integration of families into decision making from partner agencies.

- Linda Hamman, Jan Johnson, and Becky Hamblin are collaborating with the Office of Women and Children to review and provide expertise on creating the operating manual for family involvement.

Objective 6.5. Initiate a community team within a Native American Community.

- The Turtle Nation Partnership is becoming an active community action team on the Hopi Nation.

Objective 6.5. Develop linguistically and culturally appropriate materials for the teams.

All materials are reviewed by family partners

Opportunities for integration

See attached strategic plan

Barriers identified

- In order to substantially increase the number of parents and youth who have been trained through the Youth/Parent Leadership curriculum this needs to be online as part of the e-learning system.
- There are not enough identified and trained parents to support the need within each agency. Each agency needs to have a protocol and funding to compensate parents for their leadership.

Support needed:

- Technical assistance to develop an assessment tool to conduct the assessment of the agencies that are participating in the CDI.

Recommendations to the Task Force:

- Assist the committee in promoting the Family Leadership and community development conference.